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MODULATION OF STEM AND

PROGENITOR CELL

DIFFERENTIATION, ASSAY,

AND USES THEREOF

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 10, 2005 in connection with the aboveidentified patent application, please consider the following remarks. Applicants enclose herewith a Petition for Extension of Time of three months, from July 10, 2005 to and including October 10, 2005. Although Applicant believes that no fee is due for the filing of this Amendment, beyond those fees authorized in the concurrently submitted documents, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee(s) deemed due to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 503013.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.